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## Barrett re-elected chairman by 3-1 margin



## Levier loses to incumbent

Potawatomi Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr. scored a landslide victory June 26 over challenger Dr. Francis Levier to win an unprecedented fourth term.

Barrett polled 78 percent of the vote in defeating Levier, a former Business Committee member and former administrator. Barrett had 1,331 absentee votes and 112 live votes for a total of 1,443. Levier polled 318 absentee votes and 83 live votes, for a total of 401.

Voters, obviously pleased with the way the tribe is being run, also overwhelmingly approved the proposed budget for 1993-94. Yes votes totalled 1,396 (1,281 absentee and 115 live) while there were only 409 no votes (330 absentee and 79 live).

Election Committee Chairman David Bourbonnais announced the results to an anxious crowd at 9 p.m. Saturday night, four hours after the General Council adjourned and everyone had left for the free dinner and biggest night of the 20th annual Potawatomi Pow Wow. The Business Committee and several observers returned to the Long Room and reconvened to hear the results and see the new tribal officials sworn in. Chief District Judge Phillip Lujan administered the oath of office to Barrett, while Judge Greg Bigler did the same for the three members of the Grievance Committee, Gene Bruno, Matt Higdon and Hazel Rhodd Williamson, all of whom were elected without opposition.

Earlier in the day, the annual General Council convened shortly after 3 p.m., with an opening prayer offered by Tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker. Chairman Barrett recognized Fannie Long as the wisest tribal member present at age 88, and Abel Vargus of Juneau, Alaska, as having travelled farthest. Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, who is also tribal administrator, read the minutes of last year's Council, which were approved.

Tribal Attorney Michael Minnis reported to the Council on the tribe's litigation. "Our efforts were not as successful as in the past," he said, adding that at least the bingo litigation "is finally over." He explained that the gaming compact case is still pending in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, noting that the Citizen Band Potawatomi is "the only

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## Potawatomi Days 1993

The biggest and best Potawatomi Pow Wow ever highlighted the tribe's annual weekend of business and fun. Above, the arena is filled to overflowing with tribal and pow wow officials plus the 350 dancers who registered to compete. One entrance to the crowded arena was marked with the distinctive veterans' group staff at right. Below, Chief Judge Phil Lujan swears in Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, who won a fourth term by a landslide vote in the annual tribal election.





# TRIBAL TRACTS

## POW WOW WINNERS

Here is a list of winners in the dance competition at the 1993 Potawatomi Pow Wow:

### Golden Age Women

1st Sandra Spotted Wolf, 2nd Sylvestine Shields, 3rd Alemeta Harris

### Senior Men Straight

1st Eddie Eppler, 2nd Zack Morris, 3rd Ralph Haymond Jr., 4th Berwyn Moses Sr.

### Sr. Men Traditional

1st Pat Moore, 2nd Cricket Shields, 3rd Josh Williamson, 4th Kenny Shane

### Sr. Ladies Cloth

1st Rebecca Gwin, 2nd Sandra Nevaquaya, 3rd Annette Rice, 4th Danielle Primeaux

### Sr. Men Fancy

1st R.G. Harris, 2nd Graham Primeaux, 3rd Joe Bointy, 4th Amos LittleCrow

### Golden Age Men

1st Patrick Spotted Wolf, 2nd Dan Marland, 3rd Francis Grant

### Sr. Men Grass

1st Lakota Clairmont, 2nd Marty Pinnecoose, 3rd Skip Panther, 4th Howard Toobme Jr.

### Sr. Ladies Jingle

1st Tara First Rider, 2nd Melissa Shane, 3rd Mary Shuckahosee, 4th Pawnee LittleCook

### Sr. Ladies Fancy Shawl

1st Tracey Moore, 2nd J.C. Lonetree, 3rd Sheila McCabe, 4th Eva Duncan

### Sr. Ladies Buckskin

1st Jackie Whitebuffalo, 2nd Dede Bointy, 3rd Alice Ann Kaulaity, 4th

### Delaine Alley

### Jr. Girls Cloth

1st Emma Ahhaity, 2nd Amelia Cozad, 3rd Gina Gray, 4th Christina RedBone

### Jr. Boys Grass

1st Cochise NoEar, 2nd Floyd Lansford, 3rd Mike Poor Bear, 4th Star Quintana

### Jr. Girls Jingle

1st Tamnsi Clairmont, 2nd Julia Noel, 3rd Danya Keahna, 4th Patria Spotted Wolf

### Jr. Girls Buckskin

1st Crystal Pewo, 2nd Anna Pewo, 3rd Regina Youngbear, 4th Ponka-We Victors

### Jr. Girls Fancy

1st Michelle Bushy, 2nd Stephanie Longhorn, 3rd Leah Ben Deer, 4th Lindsey Lonetree

### Jr. Boys Fancy

1st Jeremy Williams, 2nd Courtney Yarholer, 3rd Jeffery McClellan, 4th Spike Draper

### Jr. Boys Straight

1st Nathan Butler, 2nd Manny Murdock, 3rd Jason Lightfoot, 4th William Tosee

### Jr. Boys Traditional

1st Kenneth Cozad, 2nd Louie Sage, 3rd Darell Cable Jr., 4th Thomas Takes the Horse

### "49" Contest

1st NoShame Singers, 2nd Gregg's Corner, 3rd Gravel Pit

### Drum Contest

1st Rose Hill, 2nd No Shame, 3rd Dancing Bear Creek, 4th Cozad

## Waymires observe golden anniversary

Warren E. and Edna Rhodd Waymire will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary next month.

They were married August 11, 1938, at Burden, Kansas. Edna is a Citizen Band Potawatomi and attended Chilloceo Indian School. She's the daughter of Noah J. and Etta Tate Rhodd and the granddaughter of Charles R. and Helen Acton Rhodd. Warren and Edna are the parents of Gene, Jeraldine, Edna, Marie and Ronald. They have six granddaughters and four great-grandsons.

## Another reader identifies photo

Mrs. Charlene Peddicord, wife of George Peddicord of Wamego, KS also identified the photo in the March HowNiKan. Mrs. Peddicord identified the man on the left as Jack Davis.

## Derebery named to bankers' group

The president of the tribally-owned First Oklahoma Bank was recently named chairman of the Oklahoma Bankers Association Insurance Agency Board.

Murlin Derebery, FOB president, will also serve as a member of the Political Action Committee. The association's committees handle legislative and educational functions for its members. All members serve on a voluntary basis for at least two years.

## Attorney, auditor, banker update General Council

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tribe in the state with a gambling compact ... and the federal government for reasons we can't divine has interfered."

He said he is "not terribly optimistic" about a successful outcome in the gaming case, but added that "if we're not correct (in our position), the Indian Gaming Act is a fraud."

He was, however, optimistic about the tribe's fight to keep the Absentee Shawnee Tribe from putting some property into trust. That case too is pending at the 10th circuit. He said his optimism is based on "a ruling we found in the interim (since filing the case) ... it was lost in the courts 30 years ago." That 1958 ruling held that the Potawatomis unquestionably had a reservation in Indian Territory and said that the Shawnees were "in the nature of squatters."

However, Minnis noted, the court has so far held that the tribe must sue the Shawnees, who must agree to be sued. "As long as the Shawnees don't allow themselves to be sued, we can't do anything," he said.

Barrett, commenting on Minnis' report, noted that while there are certainly "financial and



## Name This Child!

This young male dancer may become a star, if J Cunningham, the photographer who took this picture, can find him and get permission to enter this wonderful photograph in competition. Please call Mary Farrell in Tribal Roll if you know who this is.

commercial considerations" in pursuing the suit, the question of whose land it is has "been a sticking point between the two tribes for years ... they (the Shawnees) threw the Kickapoo and Potawatomi representatives off the housing authority board and the relationship has been deteriorating. I hope it will improve once they can get a government which lasts longer than six weeks."

First Oklahoma Bank President Murlin Derebery reported "real good growth" and said the tribally-owned bank "is making money." He said the bank had done well on compliance examinations and credited good board members and employees. He said the construction of the new building is proceeding well and said the plan to lease the building from the tribe will be very beneficial — "the best of two worlds." He said bank earnings were 10 to 12 percent ahead of projections as of March 31.

Jim Denton, representing the tribe's accounting firm, noted that he works with several tribes and the Potawatomis are probably "the most financially sound." He reported that the tribe as \$5.7 million in trust as of

September 1992, has \$13.4 million in assets including the trust fund but not including the bank, and has \$39.3 million in assets with the bank counted in. The tribe spent \$3.387 million last year (\$1.5 million of that in human services) and showed a \$1.1 million increase in equity. "And it's good to be totally out of debt," he added.

Chairman Barrett introduced Regional Coordinator Jeremy Finch and the regional representatives present for the festivities. "The regional concept has become very successful," Barrett said, noting the type of meetings has been changed and "they're just a lot of fun." Finch noted the "we're trying to heighten cultural awareness."

The chairman answered a few questions from the audience at the well-attended council, most by way of explaining set-aside funds and how the interest is spent. The last comment came from a tribal member who seemed to sum up the pervasive feeling of good will that marked the entire weekend. "I've been coming since the early 60s when there was one little building," he said. "People should realize what's been happening."

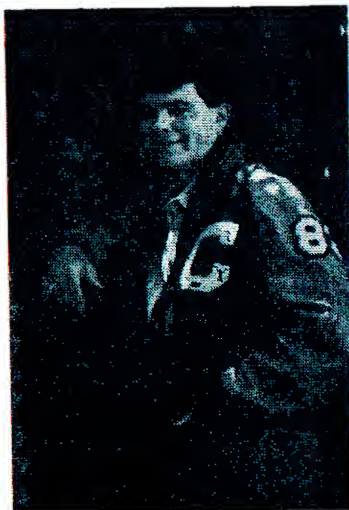
## Tribal member wins appointment To AF Preparatory School

Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal member Stacy Ray Soutter, a 1993 graduate of Cleveland (OK) High School, has received a Certificate of Appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

The certificate is the equivalent of a full one-year scholarship to the Prep School, located outside Colorado Springs, Colorado. Soutter was scheduled to report there the end of this month. He competed with more than 10,000 other students to win one of the 250 scholarships. Prep School students will train to compete for appointments to the Air Force Academy.

While there, the Air force will pay his room, board and tuition, and he will receive a pay check of more than \$700 per month, making the scholarship worth about \$24,000. He will be considered on active duty with the Air Force Reserve. He was nominated by Cong. Mike Synar and Cong. Bill Brewster.

Soutter is the son of Sam and Susan (Trousdale) Soutter. His maternal grandparents are C.E. and Ellen Trousdale of Pawnee, Okla., and his maternal great-grandmother is Agnes Maytubby Trousdale, 90, of Oklahoma City. He is also the maternal great-grandson of the late Elam and Ethel Trousdale.



His paternal grandparents are David and Eva Soutter of Ponca City.

Among Soutter's many high school activities were three years in the National Honor Society, Boys State, Rotary Youth Leadership Conference, vice president of the senior class, and lettering in football, weightlifting and track for four years. He was co-captain of the football team and was an All-District kicker. He also qualified for the state track meet.

That running experience may come in handy when he looks up his uncle, Dr. Bill Trousdale, in Colorado Springs. HowNiKan readers will recall the story last fall about Bill Trousdale running up Pikes Peak.



## WALKING ON...



## GLADYS L. MOELLER

Gladys L. Moeller, 68 of Oskaloosa, KS, died Tuesday, June 29, 1993 at the Cherokee Lodge in Oskaloosa after a long illness. She was born September 24, 1924 at Kansas City, MO., the daughter of William L. and Gladys Hoffman Louraine.

She had lived in Oskaloosa since 1963.

Mrs. Moeller was a former telegraph operator for the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe Railroad. Also she was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Shawnee, Oklahoma. A charter member of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society, and had published her own family history book.

She was married to Thomas A. Moeller on June 26, 1949 at Neosho, MO, he survives at the home.

Other survivors are two sons; Thomas Michael Moeller of Ft. Leonardwood, Mo, and David Moeller of Overland Park, Ks; three daughters; Cathy Dailey of Osakloosa, KS, Ellen Clark of Yakima, WA, and Rebecca Moeller of Lawrence, KS.; twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Moeller's body was donated to the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Memorial services were held at 7:30 pm on July 2nd at the Oskaloosa United Methodist Church with Reverend Wayne Feuerbacher officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Jefferson County Geneological Society, the Oskaloosa Public Library or to the American Lung Association.

Gladys was the granddaughter of Lucy Higbee Louraine and great granddaughter of Julia Bertrand Higbee. Gladys will be greatly missed by all of her Potawatomi friends and relatives. Gladys had helped so many find their ancestors through her many and long hours of research.

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### KANSAS CITY

#### Bourzho from Kansas City,

The Shawnee pow wow is behind us now, and so is the election, I would like to congratulate John "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., on his win. When all is said and done during the campaign process, one certainly finds out what is bothering people. But now that our people have made their decision, it is time to get on with the business of governing the Tribe. I would also like to commend Chairman Barrett for taking a stand and a positive direction. The job of being the tribal Chairman is not easy, a lot of hard work goes into this position and the decisions that have to be made can be difficult, and all of the people cannot be pleased all of the time but the fact still remains decisions must be made. The track record of these endeavors speaks for itself. If you have any doubts, pick up a copy of the 1993 annual report.

While at the pow wow, the regional representatives were taken on a tour of the Tribal complex. It was very impressive! Our Tribal complex is very much alive and well! On Saturday we were all involved in a day long seminar getting to know more about all of the various programs and the people who are involved with them. I would like to say thank you to Chairman Barrett, Vice-Chair Linda Capps, Bob Davis, Hilton Melot, Ed Herndon, Joie White, and Joyce Abel for taking the time to meet with us.

Also thank you to Norman Kiker for driving us around the complex and sharing information about the chapel and other facilities. And thanks to Jeremy Finch. All of your time and efforts were very much appreciated.

The Pow Wow was absolutely fantastic as usual. It certainly was an honor to have the opportunity to parade in on the grand entry with the Business Committee and the other regional reps as the representative of the Midwest regional area. I have been in many a grand entry before, but none was as special as this honor.

All of the Regional reps got the opportunity to meet one another. They certainly are all a wonderful and caring group of individuals. They are truly an asset to the tribe and its future and we are certainly fortunate to have them here for us.

By the time you read this the Kansas City Pow Wow will be over, so next month I will report the news on that event.

I would like to organize a midwest picnic sometime this fall, news on that will be forthcoming.

Inclosing, as I was writing this article, I received a phone call from Mary Farrell informing about the death of tribal member Gladys Moeller, I had never had the opportunity to meet with Gladys in person, only through phone calls and letter correspondence. But what I do know about this wonderful lady is that she was a very caring and dedicated person, well known and respected by many. She had spend countless hours in helping people do research on their Potawatomi heritage and family trees. She will be missed by all. I am very saddened to hear of her passing. My condolences and prayers go out to her family.

May the Great Spirit watch over you all. Peace be with you.

Maryann Frank

### PORTLAND

#### Bozho!

To my Oregon cousins, greetings... I was so proud to represent all of you at the Pow Wow in Shawnee. You should have seen the Potawatomi regional representative, all dancing in the Grand Entry, near the front. Oh, how I wished all of you could have been there with me. It has been a lot of years since I have lived in Oklahoma but it seems like going back to my childhood every time I return. I remember the hot humid days, we had those, I remember the black thunder clouds, we had those too. And I remember the drums, the food and the Indians coming from all over to the Pow Wow. Well the food had changed a bit since the days when my dad would build a large pit outside and barbecue a whole beef. And the Indian people would come and camp for two or three days right on the Pow Wow grounds. So you can see how it brings back memories to see the tents set up and all the drummers and the dancers in all their best, mingling together. Every year there are more Potawatomi in regalia, dancing and showing pride in our heritage and tribe. This is very good to see.

It's very easy to have pride in our tribe now. The complex has grown so much in the past year due to the very hard work and good management of the business committee through the recent years. We are the first Indian Tribe to own our own bank. I am proud to say, it is one of the leading banks in Oklahoma in its growth. This is why there is a need for a new building. They have completely out-grown the old facilities. The golf course is second to none in Oklahoma. The Fire Lake Restaurant is "THE" place to go for dinner in Shawnee and growing every day. Our tribal store is doing very well also and growing in income all the time. The Bingo Hall is packed every night and doing well. (They play some bingo games there that are called out so fast, it took my wife and I both to check numbers and stamp numbers.) All these facilities furnish the tax base for maintenance and growth of our tribal complex, and in turn, furnish the money for the benefits and services of our tribe.

Our Business committee is looking forward in the future to build more businesses like the bank, golf course, restaurant, store and future bowling alley to support the tribes services and benefits in the case the state of Oklahoma decides they are losing too much revenue to the Indian bingo halls and close them. Without our business, we would have no revenue to support our tribe.

Another very important facility located on our tribal grounds, is the health center. I had the privilege of touring the Senior Complex, where our elders are given hot meals, a recreation area for parties, games, and entertainment. In an adjoining building is our health care facilities. (They checked my blood pressure and I got some good counseling on foot care) Departments for child abuse, alcohol and drug abuse, family counseling. I was very impressed with the pharmacy there. Did you know that you can get your prescription filled at our tribal pharmacy by mail? It is a non-profit pharmacy. They charge you just what the drugs cost them. However it is just getting started and they are filling mostly prescriptions that you would take all year long. This way they can buy in quantity and keep on hand. (This is for you and your dependent) I would like to see more of our people in Oregon take advantage of this. Call me at the office if I can help further in this area.

Can you tell I had a good time in Shawnee? Can you tell how impressed I was with our Tribal Complex and the people who run things? Your right, I am a Potawatomi Indian and Proud of it.

Rocky Baptist

*A man is at his tallest, when he stoops to help another.*

### DALLAS

The lazy days of summer may be upon us but the members of the Northern Texas Region still have places to go, things to do, and questions to be answered. This past month I received several calls from members regarding enrollment and cards, scholarships, family and business questions.

For those of you who are not aware, rolls were reopened for enrollment in 1989 and your children and grandchildren can be enrolled. For scholarships, some deadlines have already passed for this coming year, but I do have information and will be glad to pass it along. It's time to plan ahead for the year 1993-1994. One person who called had heard that everyone had to get a new enrollment card. New cards are not needed, but if you misplaced your card, a replacement can be requested. Give me a call on any of the above or any other questions and if I cannot answer your questions, I'll refer you to the person who can. I have forms for enrollment and scholarships and will be glad to send them.

Some of my family and I ended the month by attending the General Council Meeting and Pow Wow in Shawnee. I saw families from our region and hope more were there that I did not connect with. It was an excellent opportunity for me to learn more about our tribe and would have been for you, also. We had a great time! If you were unable to attend, this experience cannot be recaptured so I hope you'll plan to go next year.

Marjorie Hobdy

### PASADENA

#### Bourzho from Pasadena,

As you've read in some of these other columns, the powwow turned out to be wonderful — the pageantry, the good feelings, the good food... As I and my brother and sister Regional Representatives stepped into that dance circle, we carried thoughts and prayers for all of you who were unable to make it back to Shawnee this time. I want to urge all of you who have never been there to make a point of attending our pow wow at least once.

In the meantime, your Southern California regional office remains ready to answer your questions and assist in any way we can. Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch



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## SEATTLE

The annual Pow Wow in Shawnee has come and gone and what a great time it was! The colors, the sights, the sounds—it's impossible to put them on paper.

It was a deep honor to walk in the Grand Entry as the Northwest Regional Representative; all of you walked with me behind the Eagle Staff to the accompaniment of beating drums and beautiful singing. I was humbled then, and during the honor dance Sunday evening when the staff and family and friends again followed the Eagle Staff.

This year's dancing was the best I've ever seen. The drumming and singing were outstanding! My only regret was that a throbbing headache caused me to miss the victory dance for our Chairman, "Rocky" Barrett, although I was definitely there in spirit. Please join me in giving him full support while he serves as our Tribal Chairman.

Pow Wow is also a time of visiting and it was a delight to visit with tribal members who'd driven out from Seattle for the weekend as well as with a tribal member and his family from Illinois. Staff members kindly gave of their time to meet with all the regional reps to introduce us to their responsibilities and tell us how we might work together to benefit all tribal members. I feel that I learned a lot and will find my job a lot easier because of that time.

All of the regional representatives were in attendance and a nicer group of people you couldn't hope to meet! I look forward to seeing them again. Special thanks to Marge Hobdy in Irving, Texas for the loan of the volleyball equipment for our regional picnic!

I'd also like to thank Philonise Kulani and Rosalie Palmer in Port Orchard and Donna Hallgreen and Kevin Jones in Spokane for all their hard work in putting together the picnics in Washington State. All of them have done super jobs in the planning; I look forward to attending both.

I know it seems like a lot of thank yous, but I have one more to add: Jeremy Bertrand Finch. A huge amount of work went into planning all the regional meetings, carrying them out and learning the nitty-gritty tasks of our offices, let alone all the work involved in getting us to and from Pow Wow. He has been an encourager and a support to me and I'm extremely grateful.

Although the elections are over for this year, stay involved with your tribe. Stay connected and interested. If you have a concern, voice it to me or to the business committee. I can guarantee that you will be heard.

Susan Campbell

## HOUSTON

**Bourzho!**

We are in Southeast Kansas today, about 135 miles due south (as the crow flies), from our Ancestral home at Silver Lake. It is good.

We have come here directly from Shawnee, and the best Pow Wow in memory. John and I hope your trips back home have been safe and pleasant.

As a tribe, we have so much for which to be thankful.

The Pow Wow celebration was full with pride in all Native peoples, in our Elders, and in our Tribal leaders.

The Drums, Songs, and Dancers expressed much beauty and excitement, and so much spirit was in the circle we could feel the energy as a presence and a force as we entered. All who attended will remember, as I will, this 20th annual PowWow, and we will tell our children and our grandchildren of it.

I rejoice in the outcome of the election! We put our trust in all of you to keep the growth and progress of the Tribe on track.

While visiting the various Tribal offices we were very impressed with the level of competence and professionalism in every area of endeavor. Megwech for your collective efforts!

If you were in Shawnee and did not attend the Sunday morning services on the Pow Wow grounds, you missed something special. I hope our Chaplain, Norman Kiker, will be able to get out to more of the Regional Meetings so you will have the opportunity to know first hand of the good work he and Claudia do.

A special Megwech to Rusty and the entire Cozad Family for your excellent contributions to the success of this 20th Annual Pow Wow.

We enjoyed the time spent with family and old friends, and the treasure the addition of new friends we met this year. Keep well, call or come to see us.

Thank you, Dad for dancing with me in the circle. I will remember, always.

My very best regards.

Lu Ellis

## MERCED

**Burzho from Northern California**

Full.. Thats the best way to describe the recent trip to the Pow Wow in Oklahoma. A wonderful trip that was full of information, was spirit filling, and was a time for new friendships and renewing of old acquaintances.

I now feel like many of the questions that we have had that regard services available, who to talk to and where are we going in the future are answers I can relate when you call. The Pow Wow was beyond imagination, with the dancers (over 350), the drummers, and everyone there rating a 12 on a scale of 1 to 10. To thank everyone by name would require the entire paper, but to all who were in attendance, Thank You! I saw families from our regional meeting as well as met families that will be in attendance at our regional meeting next year.

I would say than anyone who has not attended a Pow Wow or regional meeting, please try to do so. As we entered the grounds, and while visiting the church grounds, tears were met with chills as I thought of my family, my ancestors, and the many tribal friends I have made. I would wish for all: those feelings. My hunger to learn more was fed by this trip and I hope to share it with everyone at the next regional meeting.

As I noted, I have a better feel for the programs that are available, both Tribal and BIA, and now know who to talk to within our administration for assistance. I think this agenda at the Tribal Complex has upgraded the level of assistance we at the regional levels can give to Tribal Members.

Again, my thanks and blessings to those who gave of their time acknowledge, as well as their friendship, and a special thanks to Jeremy Finch for organizing the meetings, through the Business Committee. Congratulations to "Rocky" Barrett on the election results and we look forward to the continued leadership in coming years.

Most calls have been in regard to health care with a few on enrollment. I would like to make note that we have a Tribal Spiritual leader, Norman Kiker, and if any wish to talk with him, call the tribal number in Shawnee. I would also like to know of the passing of any tribal members in this Region.

May your summer be full of family, friends and good health. Megwetch,

Gary Bibb

*Remember "A smile is to the soul, as is the sunshine to a cloudy day."*

## DENVER

Another Successful Pow Wow is now history, but certainly not the memories. I believe this was the largest ever, both in the number of contestants and spectators. The weather even cooperated with us to make it indeed a most spectacular event. I was especially honored to have been invited, along with the other regional representatives, to be a part of the grand entry, right behind our business committee. It was really a moving experience, and one I won't soon forget.

Of course, along with the Pow Wow, Saturday was the voting and annual General Council meeting. I am sure by the time you read this, you will have the results of the election. It was so wonderful to see that so many of you took the time to send in your absentee ballots and show your support for the candidate of your choice. Whether your man won or lost, the voters made their choice and I know that as a Potawatomi family we will band together to give our support to Chairman Barrett in the upcoming year. I especially want to thank both the candidates for giving so much of their time and effort to run for this important office.

My trip to Shawnee wasn't just a vacation, as we also spent a full day in meetings with all of the department heads and individual members of the Business Committee. I learned more about what our tribe can offer and enrollment, health aids, scholarships, the pharmacy, SBA, etc., so hopefully I can be better able to answer your questions.

I think that one of the highlights of my trip had to be meeting with the other Regional Representative, most of whom were new to the program since our last meeting. It is so nice to finally be able to put a face with the names and know that is helped bring us all closer together. Of course there were a few old friends too and what a pleasure to be able to renew acquaintances.

Now of course, I have to get busy and finalize the plans for our own regional council meeting to be held in September. While we were hoping for an earlier date, as it stands now the only date that Chief Hosa Lodge could accommodate us was September 26. I am still hoping for an earlier cancellation before I send out the invitations, but please mark you calendars for that date and make your plans to attend. I will have the invitation in the mail at least six weeks before the meeting, so you will have time to get your family together and make you travel plans if necessary.

I will have more on this in the next paper, and could still use some volunteers, especially if you can help me plan the entertainment. I look forward to talking to all of you and to seeing you there.

Norma Whitley

THE HOWNIKAN WELCOMES CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ITS READERS, ESPECIALLY LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND NEWS OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS. PLEASE MAIL YOUR SUBMISSION TO MARY FARRELL AT TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS.

**Deadline is the 10th of the month.**

## Dance auditions to be held in Texas

PIECES, a newly formed dance company in Dallas, has just completed its first season. PIECES wishes to develop, showcase and serve as a bridge in the careers of local dancers, as well as make dance more accessible to all walks of life. In order to achieve these goals, PIECES will be holding auditions Sunday, August 22 at 5 p.m. at Rowlett Dance Academy. The studio is located in Timberlake Shopping Center at the corner of Hwy. 66 and Rowlett Road in Rowlett, Texas. Dancers wishing to audition should be ready to take ballet barre and be able to execute modern and jazz combination given in center. Dancers should bring resume and head shot.

For directions and further information call metro 214-601-9832.





## For the record...

### Business Committee Meeting June 16, 1993

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley, Tribal Construction Director Bob Dunning.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Jerry Motley moved to approve the minutes of the May 27, 1993 Business Committee meeting, Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Business Committee recessed at 6:57 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #93-79 requesting the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma to enter into a contractual agreement with the Indian Health Service, Oklahoma City Area, to provide for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Business Committee discussed with Bob Dunning the construction of the new bank building.

Linda Capps moved to adjourn Business Committee meeting; Hilton Melot seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

### Business Committee Meeting May 27, 1993

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry P. Motley, Accounting Director Carolyn Sullivan, Grievance Committee Member Hazel Rhodd Williamson, Guest Eva Rhodd Jordan.

Tribal Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 1993 Special Business Committee meeting; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve with one correction the minutes of the February 18, 1993 Business Committee meeting; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #93-64 enrolling 27 applicants eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #93-65 requesting secretarial approval of a General Counsel Contract between Attorney Michael Minnis and Associates and the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in

favor, 0 opposed.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #93-66 enrolling 25 descendant applicant Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #93-67 enrolling 26 descendant applicants, John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #93-68 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #93-69 enrolling 24 descendant applicant Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #93-70 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #93-71 enrolling 24 descendant applicant Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #93-72 enrolling 26 descendant applicant John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #93-73 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #93-74 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #93-75 enrolling 25 descendant applicant Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #93-76 enrolling 9 descendant applicant Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #93-77 pertaining to relinquishment of two tribal members who are also enrolled with the Cherokee Tribe; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #93-78 enrolling three applicants eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Business Committee recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Jerry Motley moved to adjourn Business Committee meeting, Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent. Hilton Melot had to leave early. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



## A Potawatomi welcome to these new members

### Enrollment with the Citizen Band Potawatomi under previous guidelines

George Michael Coulter  
Michael Stephen Peltier  
John Michael Loehr  
Phyllis Lorrain Hurlock  
Randy Lee Cooper

### Enrollment by descendant

Thomas Michael Coulter  
Jane Elizabeth Coulter  
Christopher David Coughran  
Brittany Dawn Fowler  
Kevin Lynn Smith  
Larry Wade Smith  
Jacob Wayne Hubbard  
Nancy Ann Brown Jones  
Chelsie Nicole Wilson  
Heather Michelle Wilson  
JoeDon Ike Bruno

Cathy Louise White Cronin  
Benjamin Michael Cronin  
Daniel James Cronin  
Michael David Claar  
Benjamin Luke Claar  
Charity Hope Claar  
Donald Brent Melot  
Logan Andrew Melot  
Laura Jean Newton Fernandez  
Jessica LeAnn Fernandez  
Amanda Jo Fernandez  
Alyssa Anne-Frances Ice  
Mark Zachary Tarver  
Jordyn Janae Snow  
Sharon Jones Geiger  
Robert Nicholas Geiger  
Patrick Levi Moody  
Brent Lee Rowland

Jennifer Terese Melot  
Melissa Lynn Grant  
Jennifer Lauren Grant  
Sara Beth Ellis  
Lacey Elizabeth McElroy  
Jamie Denise McElroy  
Jill Renee McElroy  
Jimmie Ashley Cagle  
Jason Michael Peltier  
Andrew Wayne Hartman  
Sarah Jean Homen  
Jessica Elaine Homen  
Cynthia Lynn Melot Carroll  
Brooke Michelle Carroll  
Tiffany Michelle Carroll  
David Brian Carroll  
Mollie Marie Hawkins  
Caleb Daniel Cline

Tarl Alonzo Dennett  
Charles Brent Young II  
Heather Renee Young  
Brandon Ray Burnett  
Whitney Diane Burnett  
Patrick T. Goyer  
Storm Burnett Fields  
Christina Beth Lehman  
James John Vogltanz, Jr.  
Cheree April Vogltanz  
Lindsay Elise Hurlock  
Andrew Martin Day  
Candace Dawn Stubbs  
Ben Tobias Jeffries  
Mary Deann Thurston Holland  
Rebecca Shawn Long  
Jace Robert Long  
Allen Kirk Barwick

# Students come together to study life sciences

The Lumbee tribe in North Carolina and the Mississippi Choctaw are nearly a continent away from the Navajo reservation in New Mexico and Arizona. But recently these and nine other tribes representing diverse areas of the United States converged in Iowa City at the University of Iowa to meet each other and learn about environmental and life sciences.

They came together through a national program sponsored by the UI's Opportunity at Iowa/Academic Affairs and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), with support in part by Lilly Endowment, Inc., INTEL Corporation and the U.S. Army/UNITE.

The UI serves as one of six sites around the nation, each of which hosts American Indian high school students in different

grade levels and in various areas of math and science. The UI is hosting 30 incoming 10th graders who will study the life sciences. Other sites include Stanford, New Mexico State, Montana State and Clarkson universities as well as St. Norbert College in Wisconsin.

AISES representative Cathy Abeita, director of precollege student programs, said AISES's objective is to "better prepare American Indian youth for entrance into math, engineering and science-based disciplines at the college level by providing learning experiences at different universities across the nation."

"AISES also seeks to significantly increase the number of American Indian scientists and engineers in the nation and to develop technologically informed

leaders within the tribal communities," she said.

UI College of medicine professor Joe Coulter, a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi, who is the faculty advisor for the program, said it will provide good hand-on experience for American Indian youth in sciences and an opportunity to interact with positive American Indian role models.

"Because of the university's strengths in the health and life sciences, coupled with our associations with the Mesquakie Indians of Tama, Iowa, and our Indian students who assist with the program, we can offer an in-depth, culturally sensitive experience with a quality education in the biological sciences that would be difficult to duplicate elsewhere," said Coulter.

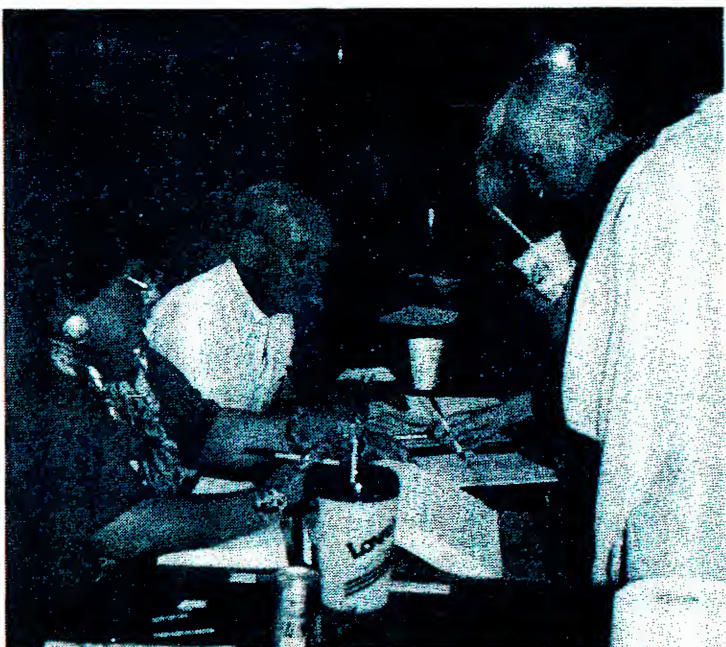
Students arrive Sunday, June 13 and will stay through Saturday, July 3.

Coupled with classes on computers math and sciences, laboratory instruction in microbiological techniques and research students will go on field excursions to Lake MacBride State Park and other sites to conduct environmental research.

Program staff is headed by Jim Speva former coordinator for the UI Science Education Center, who is returning from teaching in Michigan to work with this program; and faculty include Bill Tuma, teacher at the Redcloud School on the Pineridge Reservation in South Dakota; John Bruer, Sioux Indian high school teacher at Littlewound School in Kyle, S.D.; and Will Swain, a UI biology instructor.



# POTAWATOMI DAYS 1993...



## A Hot Election

With a contested race for chairman, the Election Commission was busy all day June 26 either conducting the live vote portion of the election or counting the live and absentee ballots. After the results were announced late Saturday night, Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett was sworn in for a fourth term (see page 1) and District Judge Greg Bigler, in the photo at

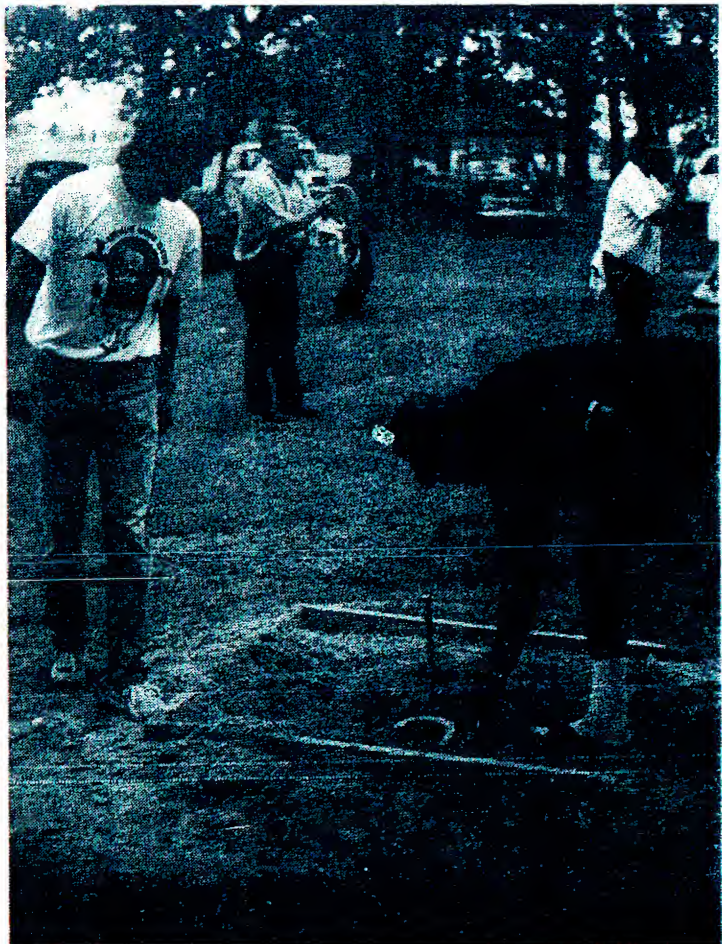
right, administered the oath of office to the Grievance Committee members (from left) Matt Higdon, Gene Bruno and Hazel Rhodd Williamson. Higdon is new to the committee. That election was particularly hot, since all three were unopposed.

## ... and very hot horseshoes!

The traditional Horseshoe Tournament, played each year on Saturday morning in the pecan grove, attracted most of the usual determined competitors despite early morning rain. In the photo below, Craig Anderson watches while F. E. Rhodd calculates points. Grievance Committee Member Gene Bruno was on hand to mediate any close calls.



Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, always a serious contender, was among those vying for the 1993 trophies.



And the winners were, from left, Chairman Barrett, third place; Sam Lewis, second place; Mike Wood, fourth place; and F. E. Rhodd, first place and 1993 champion!



# POTAWATOMI DAYS 1993...



Revered Elder Leonard Cozad Leads His Family Members In A Song Provided By The Cozad Drum, One Of Several At The Pow Wow



Flying Feathers Created A Whirl Of Color As Hundreds Of Dancers Filled The Arena Each Night Of The Pow Wow



Beautiful Buckskin Dancers Draw Admiring Glances



This Young Man Was Serious About His Dancing



Dancers' Shawls Swing In The Hot Summer Sun



# A POW WOW TO REMEMBER!



Photo By Jo Cunningham

A Buckskin Dancer Patiently Waits Her Turn To Enter The Arena For The Competitive Dancing Which Drew Hundreds Of Contestants



Photo By Gloria Trotter

The Potawatomi Business Committee Led The Grand Entry Each Night



Photo By Gloria Trotter

Regional Representatives Proudly Participate In Grand Entry



Photo By Jo Cunningham

Wide Variety Of Beautiful Songs Filled The Air During The Three-Day Pow Wow, Thanks To Several Drums Who Shared Their Talents



Photo By Gloria Trotter

Fancy Dancers Brought The Brightest Colors Into The Arena



# POTAWATOMI DAYS 1993...



*Business, Grievance Committee Members In Grand Entry.*



*Business Committee Members Hilton Melot And Bob Davis Display New Pow Wow Shirts.*



*Esther Lowden Helps Judge Buckskin Dancers.*



*Above: Gaming Director David Qualls, Left, Watches As New Grievance Committee Member Matt Higdon Meets Grievance Committee Member Gene Bruno And His Wife.*



*Left: A Family Group Enjoys The Free Meal .*

*Below: Regional Coordinator Jeremy Finch And Pow Wow Coordinator Rusty Cozad.*





# A POW WOW TO REMEMBER!



*Dancers Register For Competition.*



*Dancer In Full Dress.*



*Chairman John Barrett Visits With Dancer.*



*Vice Chairman Linda Capps Greets Pow Wow Staff.*



*Jewelry Display Set Up At Pow Wow.*



*Buckskin Dancer Adjusts Headpiece.*



# A Piece Of History...

A Series Of Excerpts From *The Oregon Trail, the Jesuit Mission and the Town of St. Marys*

## The Removal Of The Potawatomi To Kansas

The late 1830s would see the end to most of the big fur-trading expeditions. The silk high top hat had become the "in" fashion for eastern gentlemen, and the sale of beaver pelts rapidly declines. The mountain men like Sublette and Jim Bridger found that their experiences and knowledge of the Oregon Trail passage to the Pacific were even more valuable. Now they served as competent guides for the Oregon emigrants. The population of the new territory would grow rapidly from the mere 400 listed in 1840.

It was that flood of emigrants and settlers that primarily created the gradual westward movement and resettlement of the Native Americans. It is one of the saddest, most controversial, complicated, and confusing chapters in our nation's history. By 1850, there were 27 Indian tribes in "Kansas." In the St. Marys community, we are chiefly concerned with the Potawatomi. The Kansa were given this area in the treaty of 1845.

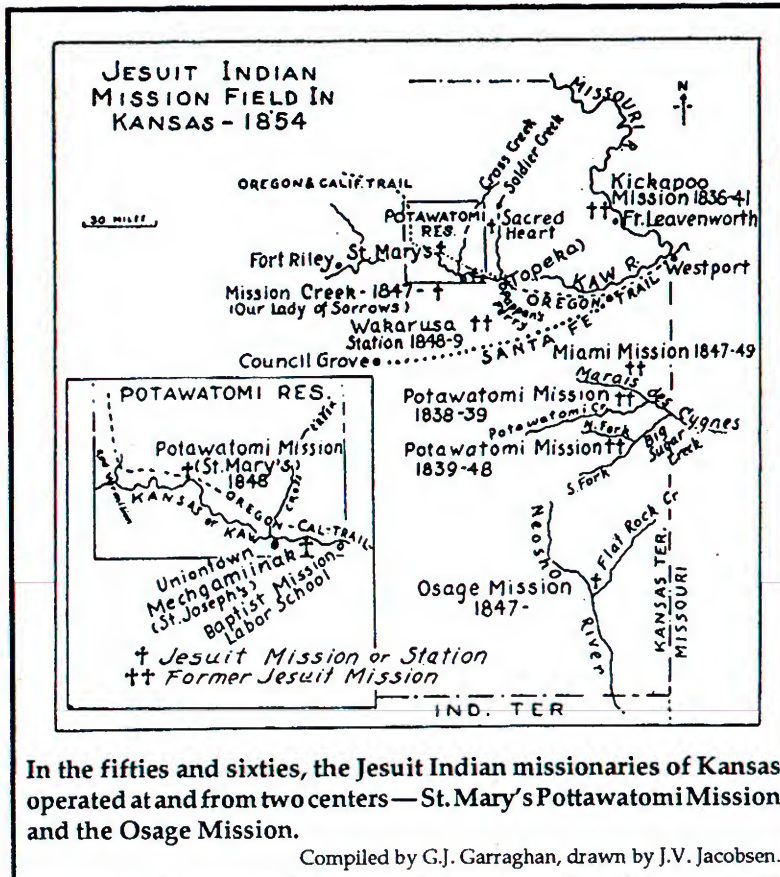
Just who were the Potawatomi? And why is the county spelled Pottawatomie? Good question! Even the erudite *Smithsonian Handbook of North American Indians* doesn't give much of an answer, although there is an excellent chapter on the origin, history, and customs of the tribe. Other sources, like *1001 Kansas Place Names* say only that the spelling is Potawatomi for the tribe, and Pottawatomie for the county formed in 1857.

The *History of the Jesuits of the Middle West* states that the official spelling Potawatomi and, as in most tribal names like Kickapoo and Kansa, there is only one form for both singular and plural. In these articles, I will use the widely accepted and now preferred spellings—one t for the tribe, and two t's and an e for the county.

Sources agree that the earliest known habitat for the Potawatomi was the lower Michigan peninsula in the late 1600s, where they were driven by the Iroquois. Their lands were then in the territory of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan, and their villages on sites now known as Milwaukee, Chicago, and Grand Rapids. They were blood relatives of the Ottawa and Chippewa, and probably were once one tribe.

The root word for Potawatomi is "fire" and the most common translation is "people of the place of the fire," "firemaker," or

"people of the fireplace." An old legend tells how they separated from the tribe to build their own council fire, setting up their own government, and becoming independent.



In the fifties and sixties, the Jesuit Indian missionaries of Kansas operated at and from two centers—St. Mary's Potawatomi Mission and the Osage Mission.

Hunters and fisherman, but seldom farmers except for meager crops of maize, the Potawatomi first made contact with the Jesuits in Michigan in 1641. Throughout the many years and all the moves westward, the tribe kept alive the memories and the kindnesses of the Jesuit priests. They called them the "Blackrobes" or the "Blackgowns."

As previously mentioned, the various treaties resulting in the resettlement of the Potawatomi are complex. They are further complicated because of the three bands of the tribe. The Mission and Woods bands which were taken to the left bank of the Missouri River near Council Bluffs, Iowa, had varied interest from the Prairie Band, mostly from Indiana. The Prairie Band was resettled along the banks of the Osage River in Kansas, now the Marais des Cygnes.

Father Pierre-Jean DeSmet, during his visit to Council Bluffs in 1838 to establish a Catholic mission to the 2,000 Potawatomi living there, was sadly disappointed that so few knew what the Blackrobes had taught them years ago. "All are very ignorant of the tenets of religion—they cannot even make the sign of the cross or say a pater or an ave," he wrote. Of the half-bloods, he added, "They change their wives as often as the gentlemen of St. Louis change their coats."

A year later, however, he described the mission school's progress. "There is a boys' choir of 40 voices which sign the hymns in Potawatomi, English, French, and Latin. They have tenacious memory and can remember prayers they have

heard only twice."

Unfortunately, "Liquor sold by the white men in the presence of agents was rolled out to the Indians by whole barrels from Missouri", DeSmet later reported. Because of the easy availability of liquor and the fear of war with the nearby Sioux, the mission at Council Bluffs was abandoned, and the tribe moved to the Osage sub-agency on the Marais des Cygnes.

The first reservation established in Kansas for the Potawatomi was created by the treaty of 1837. It was a 24 mile wide area along a creek which Isaac McCoy named Putuwatomee Creek near the Franklin-Miami County line. A unified band of Potawatomi, Chippewa, and Ottawa was joined by Chief Topenbee and 164 of his people from Michigan, making a total of 850 to 900 at that site.

After a difficult eight-day, 80 mile journey from the Kickapoo mission at Leavenworth, the Rev. Fr. Christian Hoecken made his first visit to the new reserve. During his second visit, his host was Joseph Napoleon Bourassa, "an educated Potawatomi and one of his nation's prominent young men." In December 1838, Fr. Hoecken officiated at the marriage ceremony of Bourassa and Memetekosikwe.

Missions at the Potawatomi Reserve were quickly established by both the Protestant and Catholic faiths. The Baptist mission was founded by Jotham Meeker, who taught in the Ottawa language and printed on his press 400 copies of the *Ottawa First Book*. A Methodist mission was also opened.

Fr. Hoecken established a

mission for Indian of the Catholic persuasion, waited for the arrival of the Potawatomi from Indiana, and then moved the entire group to a new home on Sugar Creek, Linn County, southwest of present Osawatomie. There they remained until the fall of 1848, when the tribe was again moved, this time to St. Marys. Here the united bands remained until the 1860s.

The enforced 618-mile removal of the 750 Potawatomi from the banks of the Wabash River in Indiana and the St. Joseph River in Michigan, began on September 4, 1838. They had been forcibly rounded up by a volunteer militia force and escorted on that tragic march know as the "Trail of Death." The conductor, William Polke was considered as a friend, but it was the presence of the ill Father Benjamin-Marie Petit which helped the reluctant-to-move Potawatomi Catholics to accept the government orders.

The two-month-long, difficult overland journey led from Indiana to Danville, Ill., crossed the Mississippi near Quincy Ill., and the Missouri River at Lexington, MO. They arrived at the Marais des Cygnes settlement two months later.

Fr. Petit's heart-wrenching letters, as well as a diary kept by enrolling agent Jesse Douglas, tell the story of the defiant Chief Menominee; of the 267 wagons loaded with supplies for the Indians, the soldiers, and 286 horses; of the jail wagon in which the three chiefs were confined; of severe illnesses and almost daily deaths. Not all of the Potawatomi reached Kansas. Two aged

Indians were allowed to turn back, 68 deserted, and 43 died of illness. (Figures vary in different accounts, but all agree that the "Trail of Death" was indeed a very tragic event.

When the tribe was moved with Fr. Hoecken to the new mission site on Sugar Creek in March 1839, a church was built at once. The Catholic mission school was opened the following year, one for the boys, and one for the girls under the leadership of the Madames of the Sacred Heart.

Account books for Ewing, Clymer, and Company's Trading Post at Westport (Kansas City) list as their longest and largest customer, the "Sugar Creek outfit." Items sold included blankets, bridles, scarlet cloth, calico, shoes, gloves, coats, spurs, beads, knives, pans, kettles, salt, bacon, and flour.

It is important to remember that it is difficult, if not impossible, to pinpoint the exact sites mentioned in all of these early accounts. Many journalist did list mileage from Independence, and some landmarks still exist. Still, the shifting of river and creek beds cause a variation in exactly where they could be forded, where a ferry crossing was located, or where a mission or settlement was built on the banks.

There is, however, general agreement that Sugar Creek was near Centerville, Papin's Ferry was in north Topeka, Frederick Chouteau's trading post near Valencia, Union Town was near Willard, and that Knife Creek is now called Cross Creek.

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# Meaning of 'free press' explained by tribal chairman

**Bourzho Nikon (Hello, my friends),**  
I am still answering election letters. This one, and my answer, touch on an important topic. For my column, I am reprinting the complaint letter and my answer.

**Dear Editor:**

I am getting confused when I read the *HowNiKan*, and our Chairman, John Barrett reports as our Chairman, June 1993 page 6 that he "has asked that a letter be printed" that was to the Editor. It appears to me that Mr. Barrett is using his office to dictate to all of us who gets to be printed and he has the authority to censor free press. I have supported Mr. Barrett but I am very concerned when he uses our newspaper to get free press. There are lots of pictures and quotes during an election time from him.



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By John A. Barrett Jr.

Fair is fair and I think we should consider our Chairman above editorializing in his benefit in the section set aside for our message from the Chairman. Needless to say I am disappointed.

Megwetch,

Willie Hart  
Newport Beach, Calif.

**Dear Willie Hart:**

A copy of your letter of July 1 was forwarded to me today. You state that my use of the "Letter From The Chairman" in the *HowNiKan* to respond to a critical letter from Jim Kennedy containing unfounded and false charges was violation of "free press." You voice concerns that I dictate what gets printed and have the authority to censor the "free press." You also say you are "disappointed."

First of all, the expression "free press" needs to be explained to you. You have a mistaken idea about your rights under Tribal law and United States law.

There is no tribal law that prohibits any member from writing, printing, publishing and mailing a newspaper, letter, picture, or any item of information that is not libelous or slanderous. If you or any other tribal member want to publish a newspaper, you can do so at any time. The tribe or its officers cannot censor your paper or publication or prevent you from publishing it. This is the same right to "free press" that exists in the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights. That is what "free press" means.

Your "free press" rights under the U.S. Constitution do not, for example, give you the right to

publish anything you want in the *Congressional Record*, a publication of the U.S. Congress. What goes into the *Congressional Record* is decided by Members of Congress. Your "free press" rights do not give you the right to publish what you want in the *Commerce Business Daily*, a publication of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The U.S. Secretary of Commerce decides what goes into it.

The *HowNiKan* is a publication of the Business Committee of the Potawatomi Tribe. The Members of the Business Committee decide what goes in it. As Chairman of the Business Committee, I have the right under the Constitution of the Tribe to decide what goes into the *HowNiKan*, with the exception of censorship of political ads, which can only be done in the event of an attempt to publish untrue or libelous statements. In this case, tribal election law requires the Tribal Attorney and the Editor of the *HowNiKan* to change or remove an ad — not me. That is fair.

Every candidate gets the same number of free ads. "Free press" does not mean that Francis Levier or you or any other person can put what they want as many times as they want in the *HowNiKan*. The ads for me in the *HowNiKan* beyond the number that were free to all candidates were paid for by me and those who supported. That is fair.

As far as my "Letter From The Chairman" goes, I can and will put anything in it that I choose, as long as it is not illegal or unethical. My response to a political statement disguised as a "letter to the editor" from this Kennedy character in Arizona was not an abuse of my access to

the tribal paper. His allegations and my response to them were of general interest to those who were participating in the tribal election.

As a matter of fact, I resent being criticized as unfair. You do not know what went on during the election, or the efforts that were made by me and everyone at the tribe to treat all candidates fairly. Ten years ago I helped to write the tribal election laws. This is nothing about them that is unfair. We are one of the few tribes in the United States that has an independent election commission. We are one of the very few tribes that allow every member to vote, regardless of place of residence. We are the only tribe that allows free ads in the tribal newspaper for all candidates. I was primarily responsible for the fact that you have access to an absentee ballot.

I have no reason to use unfair tactics in an election. I have nothing to gain by holding this office. The Tribal Chairman does not get a salary. I serve for free. I put in hundreds of hours here and travel at least 25 days per year away from my family and business. The tribe doesn't furnish me with a secretary; I answer all my own mail. I spend hundreds of dollars out of my own pocket answering long distance phone calls to my home and business from tribal members. If you are disappointed in that, or the way this tribe has progressed while I have been in office, so be it. I'm doing all I can.

Megwetch,

John Barrett



In  
your  
opinion...



### Proud graduate expresses thanks

**To The Editor:**

Greetings! Enclosed is a photo taken on my graduation day with my parents, and I thought it would be neat if it could run in the paper. It would sure surprise my dad when he got the next issue. I hope that it can fit in the paper somewhere.

My graduation was on May 15, 18993 at the University of Nevada, Reno, and I was awarded a Master's of Social Work. I had received two scholarships from the tribe for this degree, which were greatly needed and appreciated. My parents are Edward and Marion LeClair of Reno, Nevada, and I am the granddaughter of the late John and Gertrude (Wano) LeClair of Oklahoma. My three older sisters are Margaret LeClair-Coffman of Arizona; Linda LeClair of Michigan; and Kathleen LeClair of Reno, Nevada. My husband is Richard P. Womeldorf, although I have kept my maiden name.

In addition to this, I want to thank you for the newspaper. I enjoy reading it each month and am very glad that we all receiving it. It gives us something to talk about. My sister Kathleen and I even attended the Northern California tribal meeting in February, and we had a nice time. Thanks for everything.

Dory R. LeClair  
Reno, Nevada

### Staff thanked for pow wow work

**Editor,**

For the last couple of years our annual Family Reunion of the Hamilton, Wesselhoft, Burnett, and Currin families has been scheduled to coincide with the Potawatomi Pow Wow. We have done this so we could attend the Pow Wow, and hopefully our children and grandchildren also. This is coming about.

Through the work of the staff, the tribal committee, and all those who have volunteered their time, this years Pow Wow was especially good. The grounds were well kept and clean. The concessions appeared regulated and the prices reasonable. What ever is said about Indian Time, it certainly did no apply to this years activities.

On behalf of my family (Hamilton-Ray) I wish to thank the Staff of the Potawatomi Tribal Offices for their outstanding work and effort they put into the 1993 Pow Wow.

Consider this a Formal: "Atta Boy/Girl"  
Sincerely,

Ruth Hamilton Ray

## Thank you, my friends!

Your overwhelming show of support in the recent election fills me with gratitude. We have accomplished much in the past eight years by working together, and with your continued encouragement and help, we can do even more in the years to come. It is now time to put aside our differences once again and come together for the common good of our family, the tribe. Thank you again for your endorsement and your help.



John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr.



# State News

## Two tribes join for super collider project

(From *The Muscogee Nation News*, June 1993) — A joint venture between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Mississippi Band of Choctaws has been awarded a contract related to the super collider project.

Choctaw Creek Technologies (CCT) — a collaboration of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Manufacturing and the Choctaw Manufacturing Enterprises — was awarded the high energy booster quadrupole magnet technology transfer contract for the super-conducting super collider project in Ellis County, Texas.

Chief Bill Fife stated "We are honored to be a part of such a giant project that will benefit all mankind. The super collider will help to uncover new knowledge of high energy. The new knowledge gained from super collider will impact the future of technology and society that will take us into the 21st century."

"We are excited about the potential this project has for the Mississippi Choctaws and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation," Fife said.

Choctaw Creek Technologies is one of three firms to be awarded the technology transfer contracts. The transfer contract calls for CCT to maintain a presence at the super collider site for 13 months gathering the information necessary for production of the magnets used for conducting.

The joint venture, one of the first of its kind between separate tribes, began late last year with discussions between Fife and Choctaw Chief Phillip Martin. Those talks came to fruition in February when the tribes inked a pact to combine resources.

The historic agreement was signed in the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing room in Washington D.C., on Feb. 16.

Sam Schisler, CCT's Chief Executive Officer, said it is unheard of for such a young organization to be awarded a contract so soon.

"We have assembled a great team," Schisler said. "I am especially pleased that we have been successful on our first attempt (for contracts)."

Earlier, Choctaw Creek Technologies, was awarded a contract to manufacture cable measuring machines for the super conducting super collider project.

Tribal leaders said the contracts are the results of several institutions cooperating for the benefit of many. Choctaw Creek Technologies is a partnership between two tribes and this organization has created partnerships with higher education institutions, federal agencies, and the local business community.

Included in the project is Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee. The school will provide training and technical assistance for the high technology work required with the super collider project.

The joint venture between the Creeks and the Choctaws was created as the result of two tribal leaders sharing similar philosophies on economic development. Mississippi Choctaw Principal Chief Phillip Martin extended an invitation to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife to tour the tribal industry on the Choctaw Reservation. Fife organized a

delegation of tribal officials including National council speaker Clarence Cloud, council members Wilson Bear, George Tiger, along with other tribal employees to attend the tour. Jimmy Gibson, Bureau of Indian Affairs Okmulgee Agency Superintendent, was also instrumental in assisting with this tour.

From that visit, the two tribes began discussing possible business opportunities. Chief Martin set up a meeting that included tribal officials and an engineering firm to consider potential involvement in the super conducting super collider project. That discussion led to an agreement to form the joint venture. The agreement was negotiated by tribal attorneys Tim Posey and Leah Ware, former National Council representative Jerry Wilson, and Fife.

A delegation of tribal officials and a representative of OSU Okmulgee toured the super collider project facility in March.

Tribal officials then sought the support of the National Council for the joint venture and the formation of Muscogee Creek Nation Manufacturing Enterprises.

"I am very proud of the tribal leadership demonstrated with this joint venture," said Clarence Cloud, speaker of the tribal council. "We've known all along that cooperation is essential to any success we might have."

A formal proposal was submitted and then presented by project officials.

"We appreciate the support we re-

ceived from OSU-Okmulgee," said Fife. "Their leadership and their institutional capabilities are essential to the success of this joint venture."

Fife noted that the tribe brings outside capital to the Oklahoma economy and that contributes to the economic growth of the state.

"When the tribe builds partnerships, we benefit everyone," Fife said.

"We're increasing productivity and that increases job opportunities and our tax base," Fife said. "The work is just now beginning," Fife said. "We need to maintain our emphasis on quality. These are characteristics of all of our partners."

Fife also expressed his appreciation for U.S. Congressman Bill Brewster, of Oklahoma's third district for his support.

## Court rules not to impose taxes

(From *Bishinik*, (Choctaw Nation), June 1993) — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously May 17 that states may not impose taxes within Indian Country, regardless of whether the land is reservation land.

The court was asked to decide if the state of Oklahoma could levy taxes on members of the Sac and Fox Nation.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission wanted to impose an income tax on tribal members who hold tribal jobs and to require payment of motor vehicle taxes for cars and trucks that are registered and tagged by the tribe.

"Absent explicit congressional direction

"We are very pleased that Congressman Brewster supports continued funding of the super-conducting super collider project," Fife said. "It only makes sense to continue funding considering the large investment for the future that has already been made. We are asking for support from all Oklahoma congressional delegates and the local Chamber of Commerce to improve the economy in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation reservation area for the benefit of all citizens that reside within the reservation area."

If the joint venture is successful during the technology transfer phase, Choctaw Creek Technologies could vie for a \$45 million production contract that could result in 100 to 200 jobs.

to the contrary, we presume against a state's having the jurisdiction to tax within Indian Country," the court said in an opinion delivered by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The phrase "Indian Country" describes the land held in trust by the federal government for tribes, individual Indians or dependent Indian communities. Reservations are also included in Indian country.

By adopting a broader definition of Indian country, the court has prevented states from extending taxes to encompass activities in lands that are not part of reservations but that have a pervasive tribal character.

"A tribal member need not live on a formal reservation to be outside the state's taxing jurisdiction. It is enough that the member live in Indian Country," O'Connor said.

In previous rulings, the Supreme Court has held that states may not tax tribal members on activities within a reservation. The state of Oklahoma reasoned that if tribal members earned an income on land that was not considered a reservation, they were not immune from taxes.

The Sac and Fox tribe lived on a reservation until 1891, when the reservation was disbanded to accommodate the demand for land by white settlers. The federal government allotted land to individual tribal members and purchased surplus land for use by settlers.

The case was remanded to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeals court had determined that because the Sac and Fox tribal members earned their income on trust lands, their income was immune from state taxation. The court held that it did not matter where the Indians live.

O'Connor, however, said that if the 10th Circuit Court finds that the tribal members lived in Indian Country, it must analyze the case "against a backdrop of tribal sovereignty."

Oklahoma officials said the ruling will not have major revenue implications for the state.

## Smoke shops subject to state taxes

(From *UKB News*, (United Keetoowah Band), July 1993) — The Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado, adjudicated against the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB). The lawsuit was concerning UKB lands. The Federal District Court in Tulsa, Oklahoma had previously ruled against the UKB.

The three-judge panel agreed with the UKB that the lands were restricted against alienation. However, in their opinion, they did not reach the level of "Indian Country;" therefore, smokes shops on UKB lands are subject to taxing by the State.

The UKB contends that lands in its possession are restricted and Indian Country. This premise is based on the UKB's Federal Corporate Charter which states in Section 4(a): "No lands belonging to the Band or interest in land shall ever be sold or mortgaged." Section 4 (b) places limitations upon leasing lands without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior under Section 6 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

The UKB interpretation of the language contained in the Corporate Charter (approved by the authority of Congress and the Secretary of the Interior) is: When the UKB takes title to land either by purchase or by gift, it becomes Indian Country, the same as restricted or trust property. The only difference between UKB lands and restricted or trust lands is: the Federal Government has, by the language in the UKB Corporate Charter, given advanced approval for Indian

Country status of UKB lands while the later is accomplished only by petition.

The UKB takes the stand and is presenting the argument to the Court that UKB lands are Indian Country. The lands have restrictions against sale, mortgage and lease. That is, the UKB must obtain the approval of the Federal Government in order to do these things. If this is not restricted Indian Country, what is it? If there is a problem with the UKB documents, let us go back to congress, but we asked the court to rule on the merits of the law in hand.

The UKB lands case is a case of "first impression." There has never been a similar case presented before any U.S. Court. It is a precedent-setting case and could eventually effect all Indian tribes across the nation.

The contention of the BIA has been that UKB lands are held in fee-simple status; therefore, it has no responsibility for oversight of the properties. The Tenth Circuit judges, however, disagreed with the BIA on this point. They ruled the BIA does, indeed, have a responsibility to oversee UKB lands. The BIA must approve all sales, mortgages, and lease contracts on the lands. This law suit was not a total loss for the UKB.

UKB leaders believe in the court system just as our forefathers did; therefore, the UKB will appeal its case to the U.S. Supreme Court. We owe it to ourselves to go to the highest court in this country with this case.

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# National News

## Judges chosen for Lawrence Indian Arts Show

Two authorities on American Indian art will judge entries in the fifth annual Lawrence Indian Arts Show juried competition at the University of Kansas Museum of Anthropology.

Margaret Archuleta and Sara Bates will judge both two and three-dimensional artworks entered in the competition.

Archuleta, curator of fine art at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, has a master's degree in American Indian studies from University of California at Los Angeles. She has written the text for many show catalogs, including "Shared Visions: Native American Painters and Sculptors in the Twentieth Century" for the Heard Museum, and she often speaks in national

forums on American Indian art.

Sara Bates is director of exhibitions and programs at the American Indian Contemporary Art Center in San Francisco. A practicing artist, she creates works from natural "found" materials such as pine cones, feathers, berries and stones. She has a master of fine arts degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara; has served as artist in residence for her tribe, the Cherokees, at Tahlequah, Okla.; has exhibited creations nationwide since 1971; and has curated many traveling and in-house exhibits.

The judges will choose pieces to receive two \$1,500 Best of Show Awards, one each from the two-dimensional and three-

dimensional categories. In addition, up to 14 \$300 Merit Prizes will be awarded.

The juried show and sale will be at the KU Museum of Anthropology Sept. 11 to Oct. 24. The event is one of six scheduled for the 1993 show.

During opening weekend of the annual show, Sept. 11 and 12, an Indian Market will be held at Haskell Indian Junior College. The market is open to American Indian artists who would like to sell their works from booths in an outdoor setting.

Other events are scheduled:

- Sept. 11 to Oct. 24 at Haskell, an exhibit of recent artistic creations by American Indian women.
- Sept. 24 and 25 at the Museum of

Anthropology, two one-day Cherokee basket-making workshops.

• Oct. 7 to 10 at the Museum of Anthropology, a four-day Tohono O'odham basket-making workshop.

• Sept. 11 to Oct. 9 at the Lawrence Arts Center, an exhibit of paintings and drawings by Duane Slick titled "Looking for Orozco."

• Aug. 29 to Oct. 10 at the Spencer Museum of Art, an exhibit of American Indian baskets.

For more information, write or call Maria S. Martin, coordinator, Lawrence Indian Arts Show, KU Museum of Anthropology, Lawrence, KS 66045; (913) 864-4245.

### Painting to be full-color poster for arts show

Lawrence, Kansas — A painting titled "Purple Flatheads" has been selected for a full-color poster for the 1993 fifth annual Lawrence Indian Arts Show Sept. 11 to Oct. 24 in Lawrence and at the University of Kansas.

The acrylic and metallic-leaf painting by Roger McKinney of Phoenix was selected for a Best of Show prize from more than 148 artworks in the 1992 Lawrence Indian Arts Show juried competition. "Purple Flatheads" portrays two dancer in a combination of native dress and contemporary clothing.

McKinney is a member of the Kickapoo Nation of Kansas. A recipient of the DeGrazia Artist in Residence Award, he is with the Heard Museum in Phoenix. His work features images of American Indian performers.

The poster will be for sale by mail and at the gift shop at the KU Museum of Anthropology during the six weeks of the annual show and at Indian Market at Haskell Indian Junior College Sept. 11 and 12.

The fifth annual show kicks off at the Museum of Anthropology with a benefit opening — with an awards ceremony, an art preview and sale, a silent auction and a reception — Friday evening, Sept. 10. The juried show and sale opens to the public Saturday, Sept. 11.

During the show's opening weekend, Sept. 11 and 12, an Indian market will be held at Haskell. The market is open to American Indian artists who wish to sell their works from booths in an outdoor setting.

For additional information, write or call Maria S. Martin, coordinator, Lawrence Indian Arts Show, Museum of Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045; (913) 864-4245.

### Crazy Horse sculpture on schedule for completion

(From *Ho-Chunk- Wo-Lduk*, Wisconsin Winnebago Nation, June 1993) — Winter progress on the emerging face of Crazy Horse on the world's largest sculpture keeps the face on schedule for completion by the end of this decade, according to Mrs. Korczak (Ruth) Ziolkowski, 66.

She directs all work at Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota which is celebrating the 45th anniversary of its June 1948 dedication. This year also marks the beginning of the Ziolkowski family's second decade of progress after the death of Sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski (1908-1982).

"This is the fourth consecutive year we have been able to work through the winter, and it's very exciting to see how the latest detail work has brought the nine-story high face to life. Additionally, a great deal of rock was removed during the winter from in front of the Crazy Horse's chest," she said.

Crazy Horse remains very much a family project. Six sons and daughter actively work with their mother in continuing the project. Two others are involved.

When completed, Crazy Horse will be 562 feet high, 641 feet long and be carved three-dimensionally, in the round. Although the face is expected to be finished by the year 2000, uncertainties of financing and weather make it impossible to project to completion dated for the entire colossus.

The Lakota leader Crazy Horse is a heroic symbol for the Memorial which is a tribute to the North American Indian. The Memorial is not a federal or state project but a non-profit, educational and cultural endeavor financed primarily from an admission fee and contributions.

To date approximately 8.3 million tons of granite have been blasted off the mountain. The work is accomplished with high-powered drills and state-of-the-art explosives engineering techniques. Supersonic touch is used as finishing tool. For the six-month period from October, 1992 through March 1993 workers drilled 6,627 boreholes totaling nearly seven miles of drilling, and blasted off 33,605 tons of rock.

Crazy Horse Memorial's year long 45th Anniversary observance will include a special tribute to S.D. Governor George S. Mickelson who died in a plane crash April 19. As a youngster, he helped set off the first blast on Crazy Horse June 3, 1948, assisting his father who was S.D. governor at that time. Governor George S.

For more information contact Crazy Horse Memorial, Avenue of the Chiefs, Crazy Horse, SD 57730-9506; Phone (605) 673-4681 or Fax (605) 673-2185.

## Kidwell appointed assistant director

Clara Sue Kidwell has been appointed assistant director for cultural resources at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, Museum Director W. Richard West Jr. has announced.

As assistant director for cultural resources, Kidwell will supervise curatorial, special collections and archives operations, including reference services provided by the museum. In concert with the director, deputy director and senior managers, Kidwell will plan and oversee research to develop and make available Native American cultural resources in the care of the museum.

"Clara Due Kidwell brings an extremely valuable perspective to research and the use of collections at the museum," West says. "She brings solid, scholarly credentials and a thorough knowledge of Indian communities."

Kidwell, a Choctaw/Chippewa from Muskogee, Okla., has been a member of the National Museum of the American Indian Board of Trustees since 1990. She has a new book that deals with Choctaws and missionaries in Mississippi (1818-1918) that is scheduled to be published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 1994. She is an extensively published book reviewer and has written numerous

articles on such subjects as culture, education, the environment, history, medicine and science. She has presented more than 60 papers and has lectured at several colleges and universities.

"It is exciting to be involved in the building of an institution that is so important to the representation of American Indians," Kidwell says. "This museum is instrumental in educating the general public about American Indians."

Kidwell has been associate professor of Native American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, since 1974. After serving as chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies, she was associate dean for fellowships and awards for the graduate division (1980-1988) and was director of the Consortium of Graduate Opportunities for American Indians (1984-1988).

Kidwell holds a bachelor's degree in letters, a master's degree and a doctorate in the history of science, all from the university of Oklahoma at Norman.

She is an active member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, the History of Science Society, the American Society for Ethnohistory (president, 1990-1991), the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians.

## Four Scholarships available through AIAC

The American Indian Arts Council, Inc. (AIAC) is a multi-faceted community arts organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the highest quality and form of artistic expressions in the visual and performing arts, while preserving the rich heritage, culture, and traditions of all American Indian People.

The AIAC has defined six major organizational goals and objectives, one of which is the establishment of a Scholarship Program for Native American students enrolled in and attending institutions of higher learning. The AIAC is committed to assisting those students who are actively pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in the study of the arts, and who have a sincere desire to advance, elevate, and preserve Native American arts.

The continuation and preservation of the arts is essential to the survival of all Native American populations. It is the responsibility of the present generation to hold fast to this belief and to use educa-

tion as the means to achieve this end. This educational assistance program recognizes those American Indian students who are planning to pursue careers in the fine arts, visual and performing arts, communication arts, creative writing, and arts administration and/or management.

Beginning in 1993, two scholarships will be awarded during the Spring and Fall Semesters in the amount of \$1,000 each, for a total of four (4) scholarships during the academic year. Two scholarships will be awarded, based on academic performance and financial need, with the remaining two scholarships awarded solely on academic performance.

Deadline for applications for Fall Semester are September 15th and Spring Semester, March 1st.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to The American Indian Arts Council, Inc., Scholarship Committee, 725 Preston Forest Shopping Center, Suite B, Dallas, Texas 75320 or calling (214) 891-9640.



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## *Tiny Tots*

Dancers of all sizes filled the arena each night of the 20th annual Potawatomi Pow Wow, but as usual, the littlest dancers got the most attention. At top left, a little fellow keeps up with much bigger fellow dancers. Junior jingle dancers, pictured bottom left, get everyone's attention. Even Barney came to the pow wow, clutched tightly by the young lady in the photo at right. (Photos by Gloria Trotter.)